3. Sheds built in camps are sometimes occupied permanently even after the disappearance of plague. This renders the camps insanitary.

Reply of Government.—1. Government Order No. 8156-58—L. B. P.—1127, dated 27th November 1901, directs the District Forest Officers to supply on a requisition from Deputy Commissioners a limited quantity of bamboos for the use of *bona fide* builders of sheds in infected villages at cost price and in exceptional cases free of cost to the really deserving poor. A definite order will again be issued on the subject.

2. The matter is under correspondence and will be disposed of early.

3. Noted for the issue of needful orders.

SUBJECT No. 183.

Decimation of the malnad population.

Messrs. Malali Venkatramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk, and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The population in the malnad parts of the State is gradually decreasing. Taking the population of five taluks (mentioned below) in the Shimoga District from the Census figures of 1891 and 1901, there is seen a decrease of 9,720 in the population :—

Taluk		Population in 1891	Population in 1901	Increase or decrease
Shimoga	...	94,716	92,014	—2,702
Sagar	...	58,999	56,807	—2,192
Shikarpur	...	64,404	63,612	—792
Nagar	...	42,841	40,465	—2,376
Tirthahalli	...	59,229	57,571	—1,658
Total decrease	...	...	...	—9,720

Last year the attention of the Government was drawn to this gradual decimation of the population and a request was made for a commission to enquire into it. The Government were pleased to inform the Assembly that they would take necessary steps. The action taken may be announced.

Reply of Government.—The question is under investigation.

SUBJECT No. 184.

Source of pay of sanitary inspectors.

Mr. H. N. Appaiah Sastri, Hunsur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The pay of the sanitary inspectors is paid out of Municipal Funds. Since they are required to tour over the whole taluk, their pay may be met from Provincial Funds.

Reply of Government.—The attention of the member is invited to Government Order No. 5990-9—L.B. 494-06-2, dated the 21st December 1907, directing that the pay of the sanitary inspectors be met from Municipal Funds, if they are employed for municipalities; from District Funds, if employed for Taluk Boards; and in equal proportions from both the funds, if employed for both.